

FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL - 1999

COLONEL CHARLES C. HALL, DIRECTOR



In 1999, the Florida Highway Patrol celebrated its 60th year.

The Department's Executive Director was Fred O. Dickinson, III and the Deputy Director was Joe McCaskill.

The Governor was Jeb Bush, the Lt. Governor was Frank Brogan and the Cabinet Members were Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Attorney General Bob Butterworth, Comptroller Robert F. Milligan, Treasurer Bill Nelson, Commissioner of Agriculture Bob Crawford and Commissioner of Education Tom Gallagher.

November 1, 1999

TO: All Fellow Members of the Florida Highway Patrol:

Congratulations on being a part of the rich 60-year history of the Florida Highway Patrol. It has been my privilege to have spent 34 years of that time with the FHP family and a true honor to be the Director of this agency.

I want to personally thank each of you for your support and devotion to the Patrol. You are responsible for the excellent reputation we enjoy as one of the most professional and progressive law enforcement agencies in the United States. We are continually making history as a multi-faceted law enforcement agency through our ability to efficiently and effectively respond to most any situation, anywhere in the state, and to do so in such a fashion that we establish new and higher standards each time. Our training, equipment, and organizational attributes have become the envy of many other agencies. I believe, however, that the most important factor in our FHP family is the "Esprit De Corps" attitude inherent throughout our organization.

This 60th Anniversary Yearbook is dedicated to the men and women who have made the Florida Highway Patrol what it is today, and those who will continue the proud tradition of the agency into the future. Enjoy your yearbook and thank you for a job well done!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Hall", written over a faint circular stamp.

Colonel Charles C. Hall
Director
Florida Highway Patrol



FHP Executive Staff

Seated: Lt. Colonel Billy Dickson, Lt. Colonel Michael Boles, Colonel Charles Hall, Lt. Colonel Paul Taylor and Chief Susan Yates. Standing: Chief Thomas Wells, Major Ken Howes, Chief John Czernis, Chief James Lee, Chief Robert Kirby, Chief Jim Howell, Chief Larry Austin, Chief Christopher Knight and Major Kevin Guidry.

OFFICE OF INSPECTIONS



← LtoR: Gail Howes (Staff Assistant), Chief Thomas Wells, Captain Gilbert Brown (Inspector), Captain Victor Dixon (Inspector), Captain Robert Gray (Inspector) and Captain Richard Mechlin (GAP Section).

The Office of Inspections is charged with assisting all levels of management in the effective discharge of their responsibilities while ensuring that all resources are utilized effectively, efficiently and economically to achieve the Division's Goals and Objectives and to carry out the Mission Statement of the Patrol.

The Office of Inspections, established in 1995, is responsible to the Director and represents his office while conducting staff inspections throughout the Patrol.

The staff inspection process consists of a periodic management review of all headquarters and field units on a three-year cycle. The office is permanently staffed with a Chief, Staff Assistant, three Inspectors (Captains) and one Captain who is responsible for the Grants, Accreditation and Policy (GAP) Section. The GAP Captain is responsible for the Division's policy development and management and is the Accreditation Manager for the Florida (CFA) and National (CALEA) Accreditation Programs. He also manages the Division's financial grand acquisitions. Additionally, a total of seventeen Inspectors-in-Place (IIP) have been formally trained in the inspection process and assist the permanent Inspectors on a need basis during inspections.

OFFICE OF PROGRAM PLANNING



Susan Yates

Program Planning Coordinator

The Office of Program Planning is responsible for the Patrol's planning and research and consists of nine full time employees working in two sections: Research and Evaluation and Reports and Records. The Office of Program Planning has the responsibility of directing research and development, particularly involving staffing and performance issues, statistical applications, and the administration of numerous grant/hireback enforcement programs as well as processing reports, forms and records pertaining to troopers' activities.



LtoR: Jane Hoffman, Peggy Cheshire, Richard Zeller, Matt Nofallah and John Knox



LtoR: Richard Taylor, Edna Dilmore, Shellee McAllister and Vicki McNeel

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES COMMAND



Lt. Colonel Michael Boles, Deputy Director



Regina Smith
Administrative Assistant

FHP TRAINING ACADEMY

"THROUGH THESE DOORS PASS FLORIDA'S FINEST"



The first FHP training school was conducted in Bradenton and began on November 1, 1939 with 40 students. After a grueling five weeks, 32 recruits graduated and were assigned patrol duties throughout the state.

Things have changed since 1939. Beginning with the 12th Recruit Class, the Academy moved to Tallahassee in 1955. It is recognized as one of the elite law enforcement training centers in the nation. Academy instructors are frequently asked to teach and

facilitate classes at institutions throughout the United States. A key element in the Division attaining national accreditation was the manner in which the Patrol trains its members, both at the recruit level and in-service.

Recruit training now encompasses twenty-five (25) weeks of academic and physical training that molds the new member into a highly motivated and professional law enforcement officer. In-service training is mostly handled through decentralized training, with each troop conducting specific training necessary to maintain minimum standards as mandated by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, throughout the year. Academy staff members coordinate the decentralized training to insure that current trends and procedures are used. Specialized training needs are met by attending classes at the Academy or other regional training facilities.

The Academy staff, both sworn and non-sworn, are dedicated to serving the needs of the Florida Highway Patrol and look forward to moving into the next millennium with a commitment to "SERVICE, COURTESY & PROTECTION."

BUREAU OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES



The BLESS Team

The Bureau of Law Enforcement Support Services has been commanded by Chief Robert M. Kirby since 1993. The Bureau is responsible for Fleet and Property Management, Employee Selection/Background Investigation, Promotional Testing and Assessment, 800 MHz Telecommunications, Computer Support and Operations and Personnel Issues.

FLEET AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION



Captain Terry W. Land
Fleet and Property Manager



Angel Ray
Property Records Administrator

This section creates the specifications for equipment and vehicles and oversees the purchase of new vehicles and the disposal of surplus vehicles.

Activities include maintaining inventory records of firearms, vehicles, badges, radars and implementing contracts with vendors for uniforms and other equipment and services. This section coordinates the training for troop supply managers and support personnel and works closely with the supply managers in carrying out their responsibilities.

EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE AND TESTING UNIT

This unit supervises and conducts field testing of radars, lasers, mobile video cameras and other equipment as required. Field testing allows FHP to purchase equipment that has been tested under field use conditions. Activities include creating and distributing the approved motorcycle helmet list, approving and maintaining a list of vehicle equipment per Florida Statutes, and review the Florida Administrative Code.



Lt. James D. Wells, Jr.
Equipment Compliance and Testing



Carolyn Maiwald
Property Records Assistant

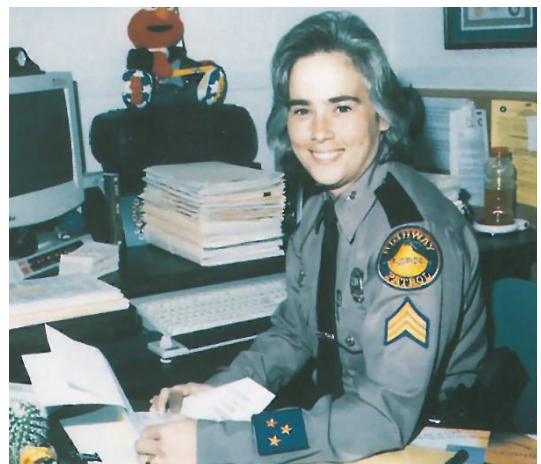
Captain Land and Lt. Wells inspect a new lightbar prior to field testing. →



EMPLOYEE SELECTION AND BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS SECTION



Lt. George M. Crotta
Chief Background Investigator



Sergeant Diane Russo
Assistant Chief Background Investigator

This section coordinates the statewide employee selection and background investigation program. Activities include screening and reviewing applications, conducting pre-employment written testing, physical abilities testing, and generating lists of qualified law enforcement applicants for the position of state trooper.



Priscilla Fitzgerald
Office Support

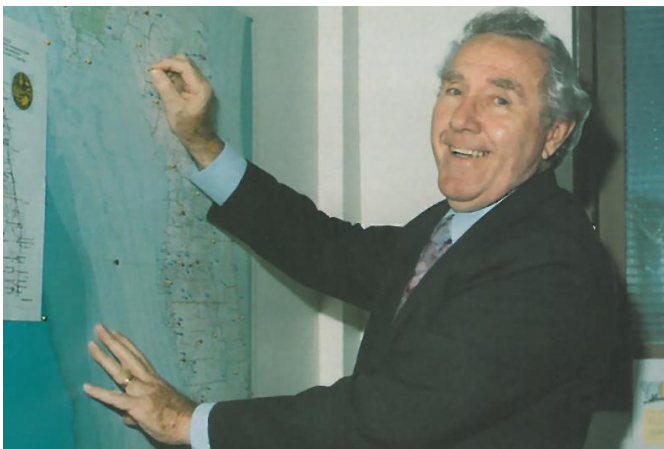
PROMOTIONAL TESTING AND ASSESSMENT SECTION



Claudia D. Coaker
Promotional Examination Administrator

This section coordinates and directs the law enforcement promotional examination and assessment process. Major, Captain and Lieutenant testing modules are changed yearly to identify and provide a confident pool of applicants for management positions. Activities include providing support in the areas of the promotional process for the ranks of Sergeant and Corporal. This section provides valuable data as it pertains to the promotional process and employee.

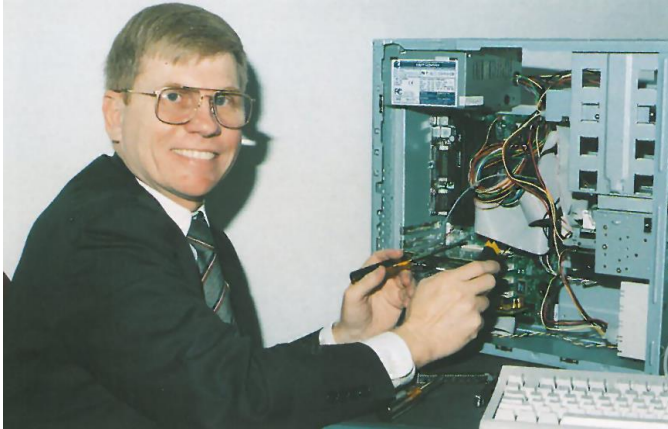
FHP TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTION



Don L. Fox
Communications Engineer

This section represents and coordinates the Department's planning, installation and operation of the Joint Task Force State Agency Law Enforcement 800 MHz Radio System and VHF Radio System. Activities include telecommunications budgeting, planning, purchasing and tower leases. This section also manages FAA and FCC license applications and database as required by federal regulations.

COMPUTER SUPPORT AND OPERATIONS SECTION



Dwight M. Manning
Distributed Computer Systems Analyst



Christy A. Smith
Office Assistant

This section coordinates the computer needs within the Patrol, providing software and hardware fixes to existing computer resources of the Patrol, and insures that warranty service is done correctly and in a timely manner. Activities include evaluating out of warranty equipment to determine if repair or replacement is required; developing, documenting and maintaining procedures for personal computer and peripheral installations; and assisting supervisors with special information or research requests related to new or present computer equipment.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND



Lt. Colonel Paul B. Taylor, Deputy Director



Cheri Davis
Administrative Assistant

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND RECRUITMENT



Major Ken Howes
Chief Public Information Officer



Brenda Moss
Administrative Secretary



LtoR: Operations Management Consultant Ed Bleakly, Chief Recruitment Officer
Captain David Tripp and Other Personnel Services (OPS) Mike Mattiza

The Public Information, Education and Recruitment Office is commanded by Major Ken Howes, and headquartered in the Neil Kirkman Building, Tallahassee. The office is responsible for statewide media relations, coordinating various traffic safety education programs and recruitment of qualified individuals for sworn and non-sworn positions within the Patrol. A total of ten troop public information officers and eight regional recruitment officers work with headquarters personnel to accomplish the objectives of the office.

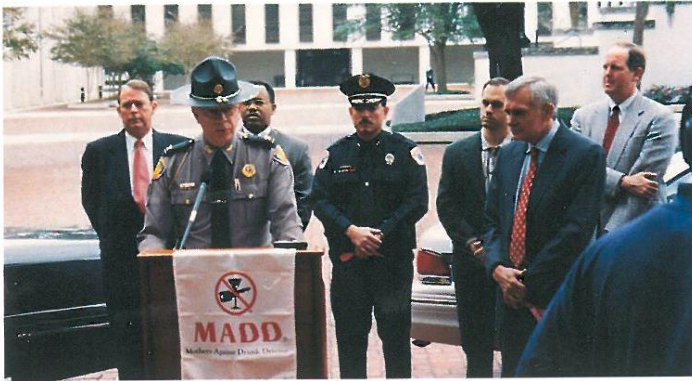
Public Information Officers



Standing: Lt. Bob Farrier, Troop A; Lt. George Wehrli, Troop B; Major Ken Howes, Chief PIO; Lt. Miguel Guzman, Troop C; and Lt. Chuck Williams, Troop D. Seated: Lt. Ernesto Duarte, Troop E; Lt. Malcolm Rhodes, Troop F; Lt. Bill Leeper, Troop G; Lt. Ken Knowles, Troop H; Lt. Sherian Staley, Troop K; and Lt. Pembroke Burrows, Troop L.



One Photo That Says It All!!!



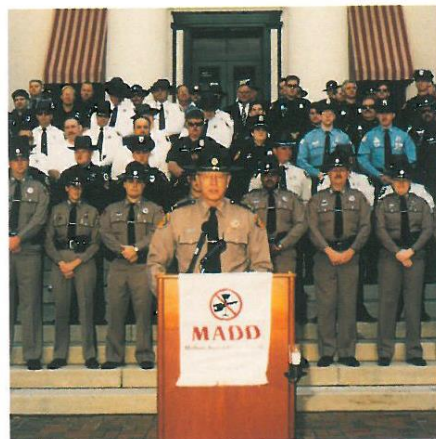
"Tie One on for Safety" news conference



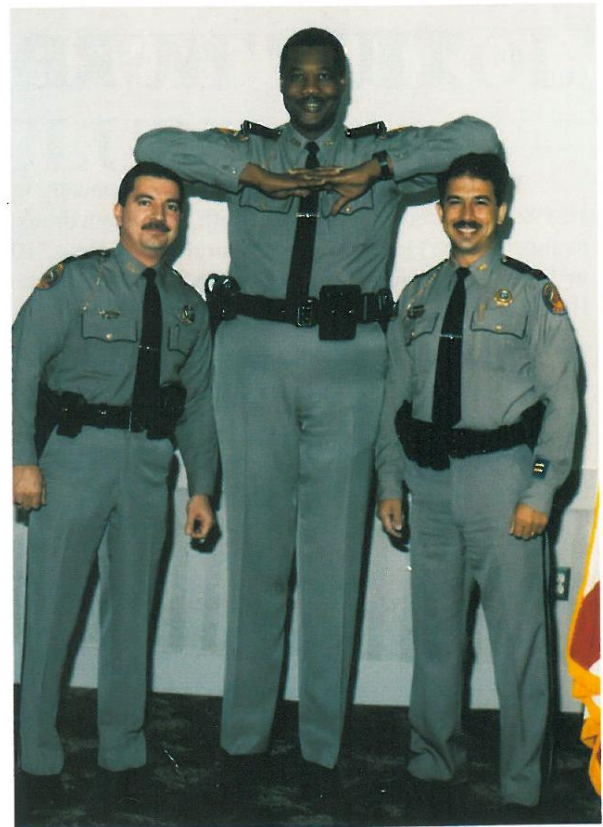
"Operation Beltway" news conference in Miami



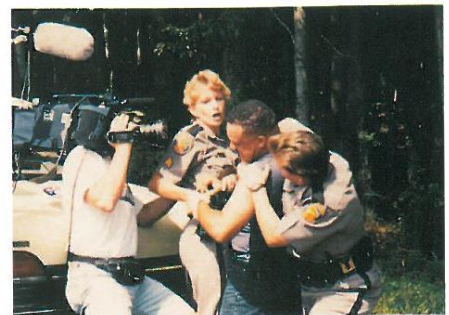
Colonel Hall looks over a selection of Millennium badges that Troopers will be allowed to wear on their uniforms during the year 2000



MADD news conference



Lt. Mike Guzman, left, and Lt. Ernesto Duarte, right, have always looked up to Lt. Pembroke Burrows!!



Sergeant Lisa Stephens and Trooper Kelly Wenum re-enact scene for "Real Stories of the Highway Patrol"



Lt. Knowles, Troop H, with one of the patrol's seven portable changeable message signs



Look at all of the FHP runners at the front of the pack!

THE "HURD-SMITH" AWARD

The "Hurd-Smith" award is presented annually in memory of Trooper Kimberly A. Hurd, killed by a drunk driver on July 16, 1992; and Trooper Robert G. Smith, killed by a drunk driver on July 26, 1997. Both of these beloved troopers were distinguished members of the Florida Highway Patrol's prestigious "100 Club" during their short careers. The "Hurd-Smith" Award was initiated in 1998, and is presented annually to one trooper who arrests more motorists for DUI than any other member of the Florida Highway Patrol in a single year.



Trooper David R. Brunner, Troop F, Bradenton, receives the 1999 "Hurd-Smith" Award from Colonel Charles Hall. Trooper Smith's wife and parents look on.



←Colonel Ron Grimming, former FHP Director, presents a DUI "100 Club" award to Trooper Robert Smith. This photo was taken less than two months before Trooper Smith was tragically killed by a drunk driver in Miami.

DUI "100 CLUB"

For many years, the Florida Highway Patrol has honored troopers who arrest 100 or more drunk drivers in a calendar year by inducting them into the prestigious DUI "100 Club." Below are members of the 1999 "100 Club."



Shown kneeling are Troopers Jeffrey Johnson, James Gilbert and Channing Taylor.
Standing are Troopers Darryl Davis, Sandra Bailey, Colonel Charles Hall and
Troopers Lissa King, Leif Cardwell And David Brunner.

RECRUITMENT SECTION

The current full-time recruitment section was established in October 1996 because the Patrol recognized the need for a concerted recruitment program to target the diverse ethnic composite of the state's population. On an average, FHP distributors over 5,000 applications per year and more than 250 electronic requests per month for applications are received via the FHP Internet home page. These requests come from military personnel and college students all over the world!

FHP Recruitment Officers not only travel the state of Florida visiting criminal justice institutes, college campuses and military bases, but they have also traveled the southeastern United States from Biloxi, Mississippi to Camp LeJeune Marine Corps base, North Carolina. Each year recruiters travel more than 200,000 miles conducting employment seminars and visiting career fairs.

The recruitment section's efforts are best summarized by a quote by Thomas Edison, "I started off where the last man left off." We would like to thank the Executive Staff, Troop Commander, uniform personnel and support staff who assist us in the quest to seek the most qualified to join the ranks of...

FLORIDA'S FINEST!



BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS



John Czernis
Chief of Investigations

The Bureau of Investigations reports to the Deputy Director of Special Operations Command, and has the responsibility of conducting criminal investigations over which the Department has jurisdiction and administrative investigations as assigned by the Director of the Florida Highway Patrol or Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.



Mary Cooksey
Staff Assistant

The Bureau, commanded by the Chief of Investigations, is broken down into three field regions: Northern/Technical Services, Central and Southern. Each region is commanded by a Captain and is staffed by Lieutenants, Law Enforcement Investigator II's, Law Enforcement Officers and Senior Clerks. In addition there are two Crime Intelligence Analyst IIs and a Records Technician in the Northern/Technical Service Region. There are a total of 45 sworn personnel and 11 non-sworn personnel. The Bureau conducts investigations on auto theft, title fraud, odometer fraud, polygraph services and other criminal activities statewide. The Bureau is also responsible for the internal security of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and is responsible for conducting professional compliance investigations.



Captain Joseph Chancy and Lt. David Davis recover a stolen CAT front end loader at the Port of Jacksonville.



Captain Joseph Chancy and NICB Agent Greg Stryker recover stolen motorcycles at the Port of Jacksonville.

The Northern Region consists of Investigations personnel assigned to Troops A, B, G, H and Technical Services. The Central Region consists of Investigations personnel assigned to Troops C, D and F. The Southern Region consists of Investigations personnel assigned to Troops E, K and L.

Northern Region



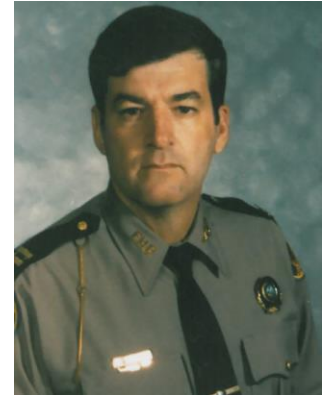
Captain Randy M. Snow
Northern Region
Commander

Central Region



Captain Arthur Lane
Central Region Commander

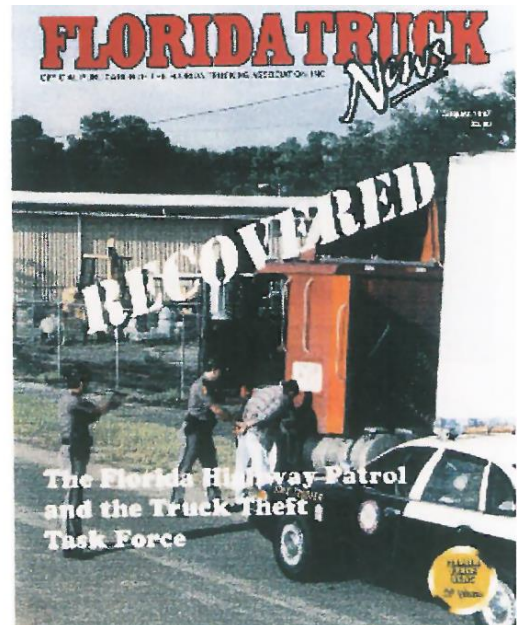
Southern Region



Captain Jeffrey Succi
Southern Region Commander



Analysts Sally Cole and Ed Creel review an investigation.



*Captain Marty Snow and Lieutenant David Binder
photographed for the cover of Florida Truck News.*

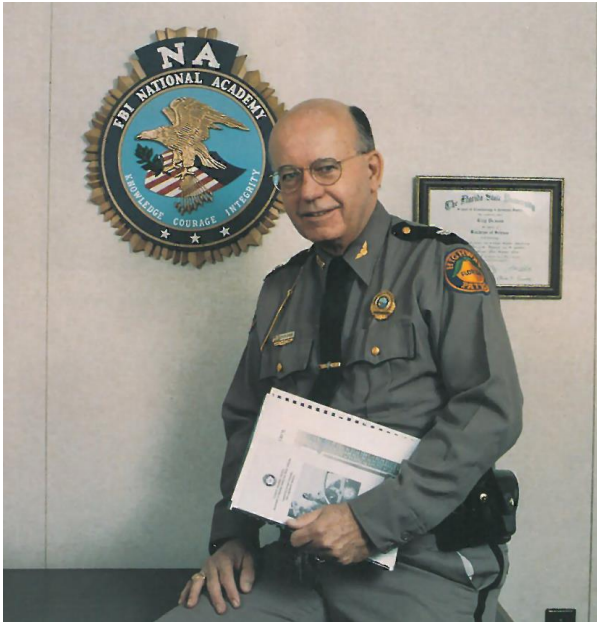


Lt. Don Brown examines title documents.



(L-R) FHP Polygraph Examiners: Lt. James Duncan, Lt. James Tillett, Lt. Paulette Jones, Lt. Tammy Binder, Lt. M. Drew Taylor, Lt. Donald Brown at the Florida Polygraph Association Seminar in Atlantic Beach, Florida, December, 1998.

FIELD OPERATIONS COMMAND



Lt. Colonel Billy Dickson



Major Kevin Guidry

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES OFFICE



Mrs. Geraldine Washington
Administrative Secretary

Major Kevin Guidry commands the Office of Law Enforcement Services. He is responsible for overseeing the coordination of the following statewide programs: Aircraft Section, Communications Section, Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary and Reserve Programs, Contraband Interdiction Program, Traffic Homicide Program and Off-Duty and Hireback Programs. Major Guidry also serves as the agency's Emergency Coordinating Officer at the State Emergency Operations Center.

AUXILIARY/RESERVE COORDINATOR



Captain Mark R. Trammell
State Auxiliary/Reserve
Coordinator

The Operational Support Section oversees and coordinates volunteer groups including the FHP Reserve and FHP Auxiliary. The Reserve and Auxiliary serve to supplement and assist the full-time sworn members of the Patrol. This section also oversees the Contraband Interdiction Program and the Traffic Homicide Investigation Program.



Mrs. Susan C. Brown
Administrative
Secretary

FLIGHT SECTION



Captain Matthew Walker
Chief Pilot

The primary mission of the Florida Highway Patrol Aviation Unit is to provide safe and efficient aerial support to members of the Florida Highway Patrol in meeting the challenge of highway safety and traffic law enforcement. In addition, the Aviation Unit assists the Division and other agencies with law enforcement responsibilities in the State of Florida and protects human life and property in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Florida by providing high quality and cost-effective law enforcement.



Lauren Hutto





Motivated by Florida's unprecedented population growth and by the recent experiences of a number of natural and man-made disasters, the need to expand our Flight Section to include helicopters was realized. In a resolute and steadfast effort, Captain Matthew W. Walker and Lt. Randy Allen established justification for the acquisition of the first helicopters to be used by the Florida Highway Patrol. Their job was only beginning when approval was obtained to receive five flyable Bell OH-58 light observation helicopters from the US Army. In addition to the flyable helicopters, five non-flyable helicopters and many spare parts were obtained in order to support the fleet with spare parts and accessories for years to come.



Troop K - Lt. Albert Matlock, Reserve Trooper Gary Glover and Tpr. Observer Bernard Foote



Lt. Randy Allen, Capt. Matt Walker, Reserve Tpr. Gary Glover, Major Kevin Vislocy (Florida Game and Fish Commission) and Lt. Sean Johns pose in front of a future FHP helicopter.

Arrangements were made by Captain Walker to remove the helicopters from active duty status and to have ownership transferred to the Florida Highway Patrol. The helicopters were then flown from their respective Army bases in Tennessee, New York and Alabama to Tallahassee to await refurbishment and conversion for police service. The conversions included painting the ships in the traditional Florida Highway Patrol colors, equipping them with searchlights and

replacing the military radios with modern aviation and police radios. The conversions were a tedious process and were accomplished as funding became available. The first helicopter was actually pressed into service before final conversion was completed. In October, 1995 Hurricane Opal struck the panhandle of Florida with devastating force and the FHP helicopter, N- 144HP, still army green, responded to assist in the emergency response. Lieutenant Randy Allen and Reserve Trooper Gary Glover piloted this first official mission.

Three of the helicopters have now been completely refurbished and placed into active service. N-144HP is located at Lake City and is piloted by Lt. Randy Allen. N-145HP is located on the turnpike at West Palm Beach and is piloted by Lt. Albert Matlock. N-91 HP is located at Pensacola and is piloted by Lt. Jesse Hunt. Plans for complete refurbishment of two more helicopters are underway, as well as, equipment upgrades for the present fleet. The Lake City helicopter is scheduled to be equipped with "Forward Looking Infared" (FUR) in July, 1999.

Since the introduction of the helicopters to our Flight Section, scores of apprehensions and stolen vehicle recoveries have been accomplished. The helicopters have been utilized, not only for local assistance to FHP troopers and local law enforcement, but have also responded to numerous disasters and events and proven their value many times over. We are proud to have this innovative law enforcement/service tool at our disposal and expect to see it increasingly utilized as Florida moves into the 21 st Century.

TRAFFIC HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS



Lt. Leslie C. Herold
Coordinator

The Traffic Homicide Investigations Unit was created in 1967 to meet the Florida Highway Patrol's desire to provide a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances resulting in all traffic related deaths in the state of Florida. The Patrol hoped to provide surviving family members with a complete understanding of all the circumstances which resulted in the death of their loved one. Also, the Patrol understood that additional investigation would be required and evidence would need to be collected at fatal traffic crashes to insure the successful prosecution of more severe death-related charges.

The Florida Highway Patrol's Traffic Homicide Investigations Unit is comprised of 148 full-time investigators, divided into 22 squads statewide. These squads of investigative teams are capable of responding to multi-vehicle and fatal traffic crashes anywhere in the state, at any time. In furthering the Patrol's commitment to the public need, each of these investigators received training in advanced investigation techniques, evidence collection, and photography, among other subjects.

In 1997, forensic mapping units and laptop computers were purchased by the Florida Highway Patrol for the Traffic Homicide Investigation Units and members were trained in their use. The use of forensic mapping units and computers gives each investigator the ability to collect evidence with a greater degree of accuracy and create scale crash-scene diagrams on the computer for court presentation.

The Traffic Homicide Investigations Unit has many plans for the future. It is working toward increased training for all investigators and the eventual reporting of all investigations in a paperless system. Additionally, the Patrol and Traffic Homicide Investigations Unit are creating a process to certify its investigators as reconstructionists. This certification, which we plan to implement before the year 2000, will make the Patrol's Traffic Homicide Investigators the most qualified individuals in their field.

COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS

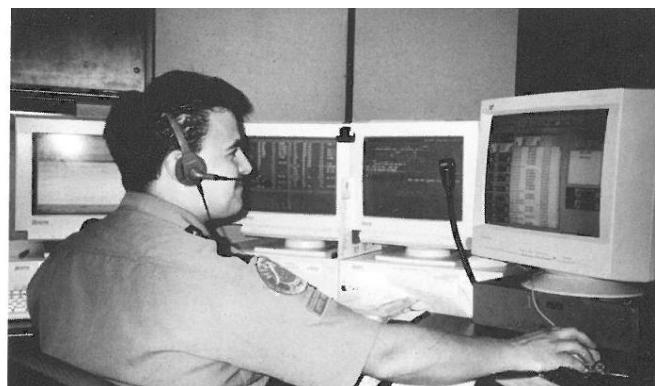
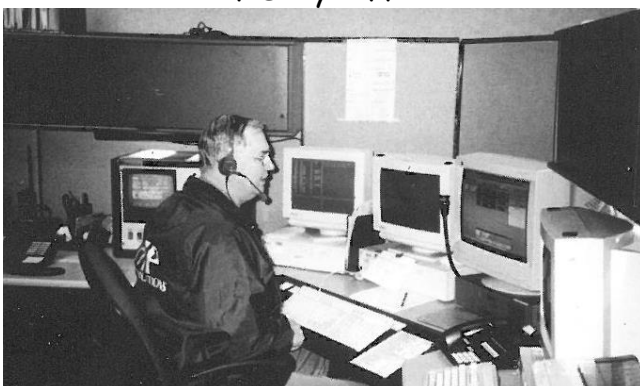


Rufus L. Cloud
Chief Duty Officer

Chief Duty Officer Rufus L. Cloud is responsible for coordinating the efficient operations for all the Florida Highway Patrol communications centers.



Highway Safety Specialists
Norman Hill and Paul Dixon



Today's state of the art communications systems.

CONTRABAND INTERDICTION



Lt. Martin Duncan
Contraband Interdiction Coordinator

Contraband Interdiction Program Mission Statement

The objective of the Florida Highway Patrol Contraband Interdiction Program is to seize illegal contraband transported on Florida's highways as mandated in Chapter 321, Florida Statutes. This includes the seizure of illicit drugs, apprehension of motor vehicle drug couriers, and the seizure of assets utilized in the commission of violating Florida drug laws. This objective is realized through the execution of the primary mission of the Florida Highway Patrol and the assistance rendered to other federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies.

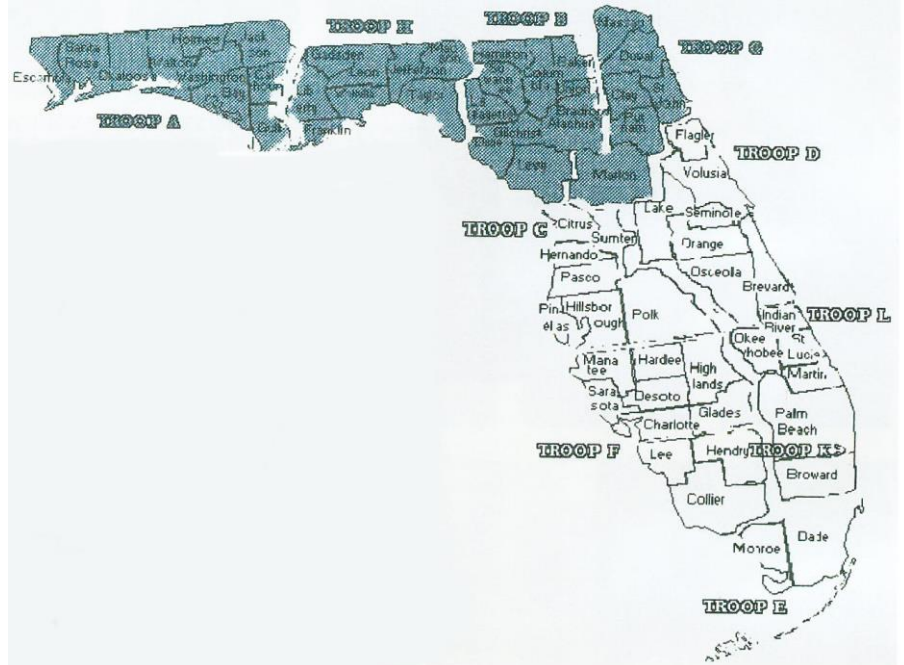


1999 Florida Highway Patrol Contraband Interdiction Teams

BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS - REGION I



Chief Christopher A. Knight



Captain John Iadanza
Staff Support Assistant

Region I is located in the North Florida Panhandle and extends from Escambia County on the Florida/Alabama line across the Panhandle to Duval County on the Atlantic Coast and down the peninsula to Marion County. Region I consists of the following troops: Troop A, Troop B, Troop G and Troop H.

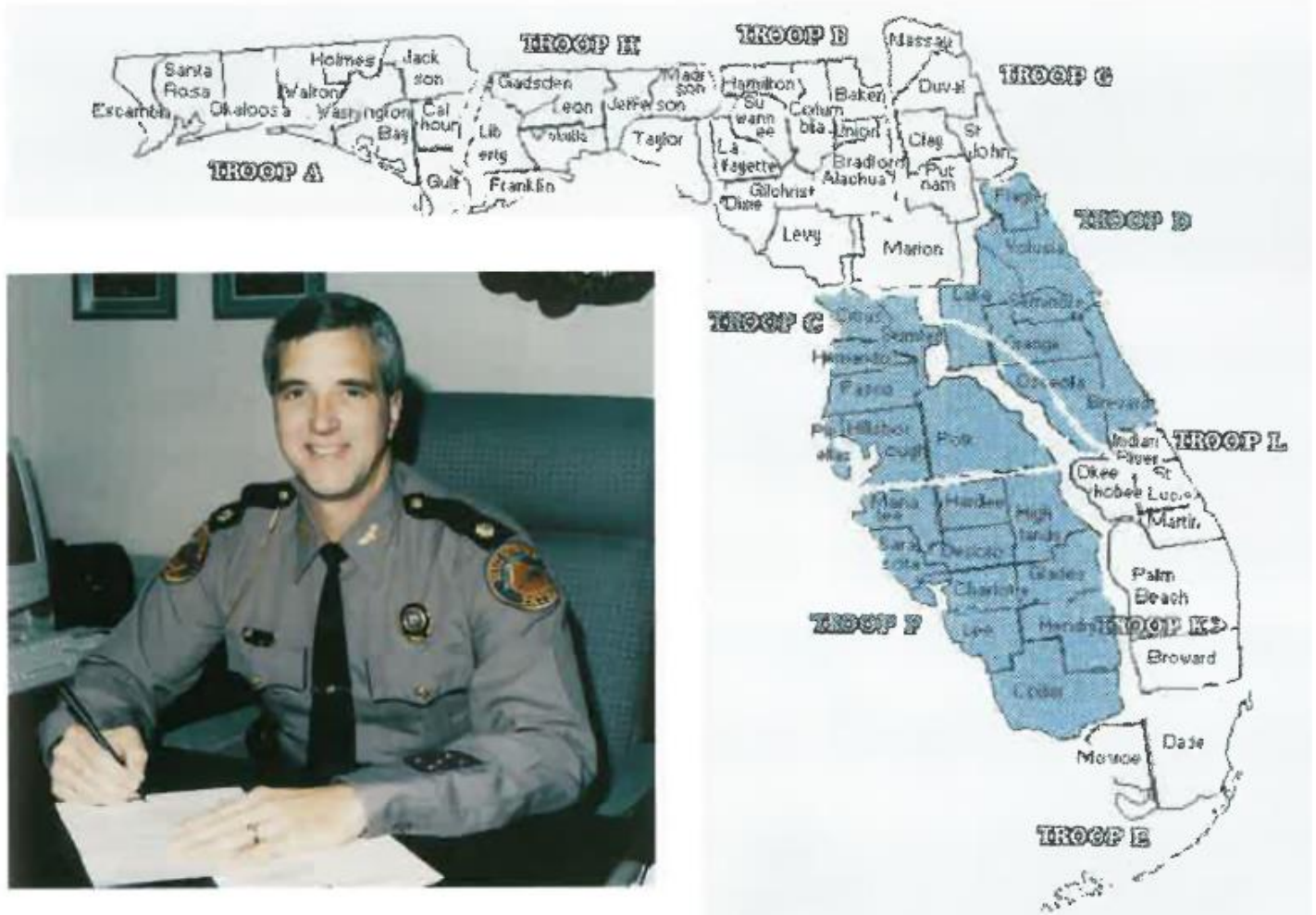


Shirley Carter
Staff Assistant



**"Hands Across the
Border" at
Georgia-Florida
Welcome Center
on I-95**

BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS - REGION II



Chief James M. Lee



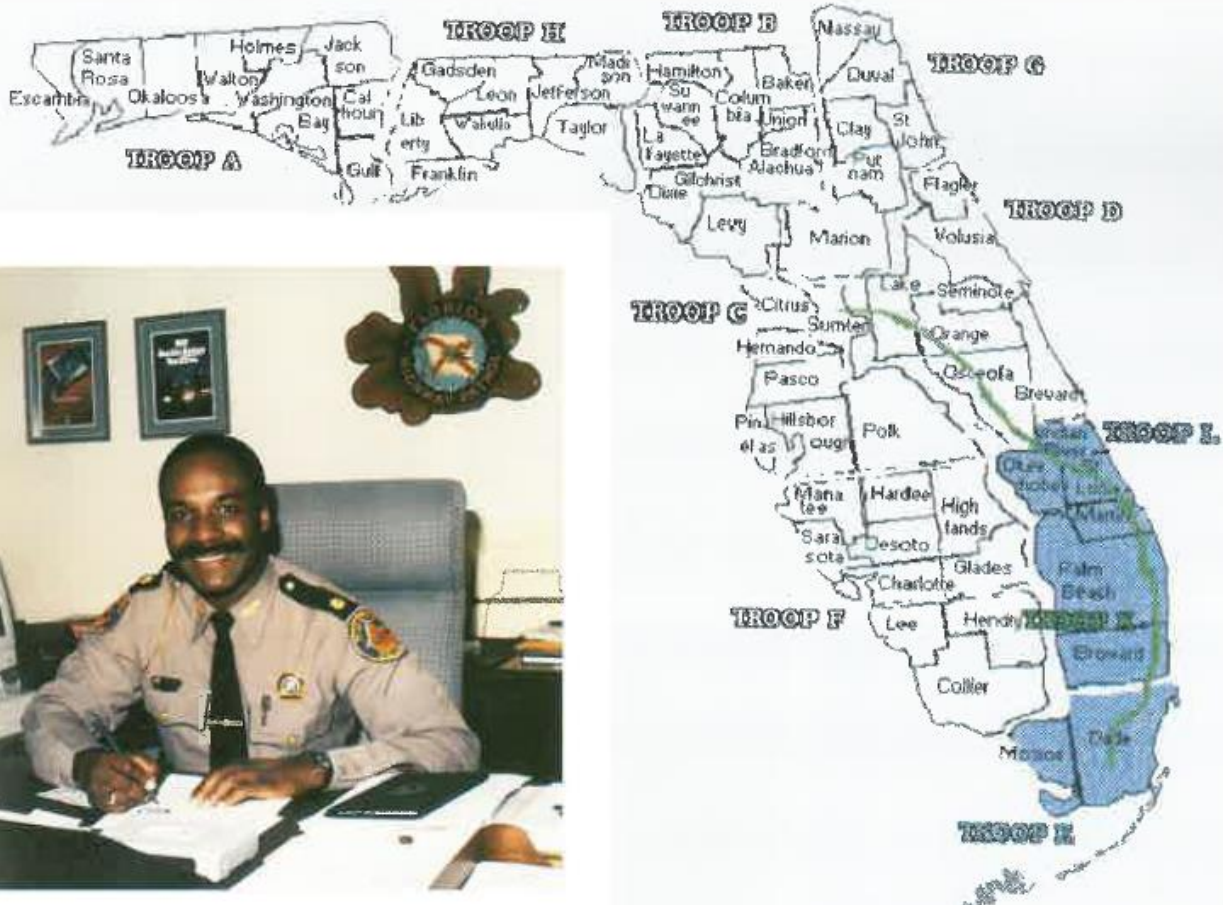
Captain Steve Williams
Staff Support Assistant



Michelle Harris
Staff Assistant

Region II includes the Central Florida area from the Flagler County-Daytona Beach area on the Atlantic Coast, across the peninsula to Tampa and the Gulf Coast and down to the Naples-Ft. Myers area. Region II is comprised of the following troops: Troop C, Troop D and Troop F.

BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS - REGION III



Chief Larry Austin



Captain Cyrus Brown
Staff Support Assistant

Region III is located in South Florida from Indian River County, down the Atlantic Coast to Monroe County and the Florida Turnpike. Region III consists of the following troops: Troop E, Troop K and Troop L.



Shirley Zeigler
Staff Assistant

Community Service Officers



As of March 18, 1999, 28 Community Service Officers (CSOs) are patrolling the greater Tampa Bay area. The program allows the use of trained responsible civilian employees to respond and handle many non-emergency, non-threatening calls for services;

including investigating minor crashes and assisting stranded motorists. This will enable sworn members to dedicate a greater amount of time to proactive enforcement and in-depth investigations of traffic related offenses.

FHP/CSO's are not armed and do not have arrest authority. They may however, issue traffic citations at scenes of crashes based upon reasonable and probable grounds when they believe that a person involved in a crash has committed an offense in violation of a Florida traffic law in connection with the crash.

CSO vehicles are painted tan with black trim and are equipped with an amber colored roof light bar and a patrol vehicle radio. The vehicle is distinctly marked with decals, which clearly identifies them as FHP/CSOs.

The uniform of a CSO consists of a white shirt with FHP shoulder patches and an embroidered FHP/CSO Badge, black trousers and a black ball cap that has silk-screened FHP letters positioned in the center of the cap front.

CSOs must successfully complete all phases of training. This includes a six-week class providing instruction on a variety of issues required by Florida Statute for civilian traffic crash investigation officers. Upon completion of this in-class training, they must complete a three-week field-training period with an experienced sworn member.

There are currently 28 CSOs assigned to this program in the Tampa Bay area. Fourteen are assigned to Hillsborough County and fourteen are assigned to Pinellas County.

FHP Activity Now & Then

By the end of 1940, the first full year of operation, there were 59 officers. The state was divided into three divisions, designated as Northern, Central and Southern, with each commanded by a Lieutenant. Since there still were no district offices, records were kept in Tallahassee from a daily report of activity mailed to headquarters by each man.

The first year of activity included: 154,829 hours of patrol time, 1,000 accidents investigated, 29,860 hours at the station, 127 motorists killed, 1,938,564 miles patrolled, 1,132 persons injured and 4,836 motorists arrested.

By comparison in 1998, Florida ranked fourth in population with an estimated 14,720,385 people. An influx of approximately 450 people per day, or 160,200 people per year, migrates to Florida, according to the University of Florida's report on sustaining Florida's resources.

The Patrol currently (1999) has 1,735 sworn authorized positions. Since statistical data for 1998 will not be complete until late fall of 1999, the following statistics are accurate for Fiscal Year 1996/1997: Traffic crashes investigated 189,993; Florida Traffic Crash Reports 92,497; Short Forms 54,409; Non-Reportable Crashes 43,987; Traffic-related fatalities 2,811; Traffic-related injuries, 240,001; Assistance rendered, 332,198; 48-Hour Correction Notices issued 154,321; Written Warnings issued 262,615; Child Restraint Warnings 3,475; Infractions 668,664; Misdemeanors 74,119; Felonies 4,868; Miles patrolled 35,482,204; and total arrests 747,651.